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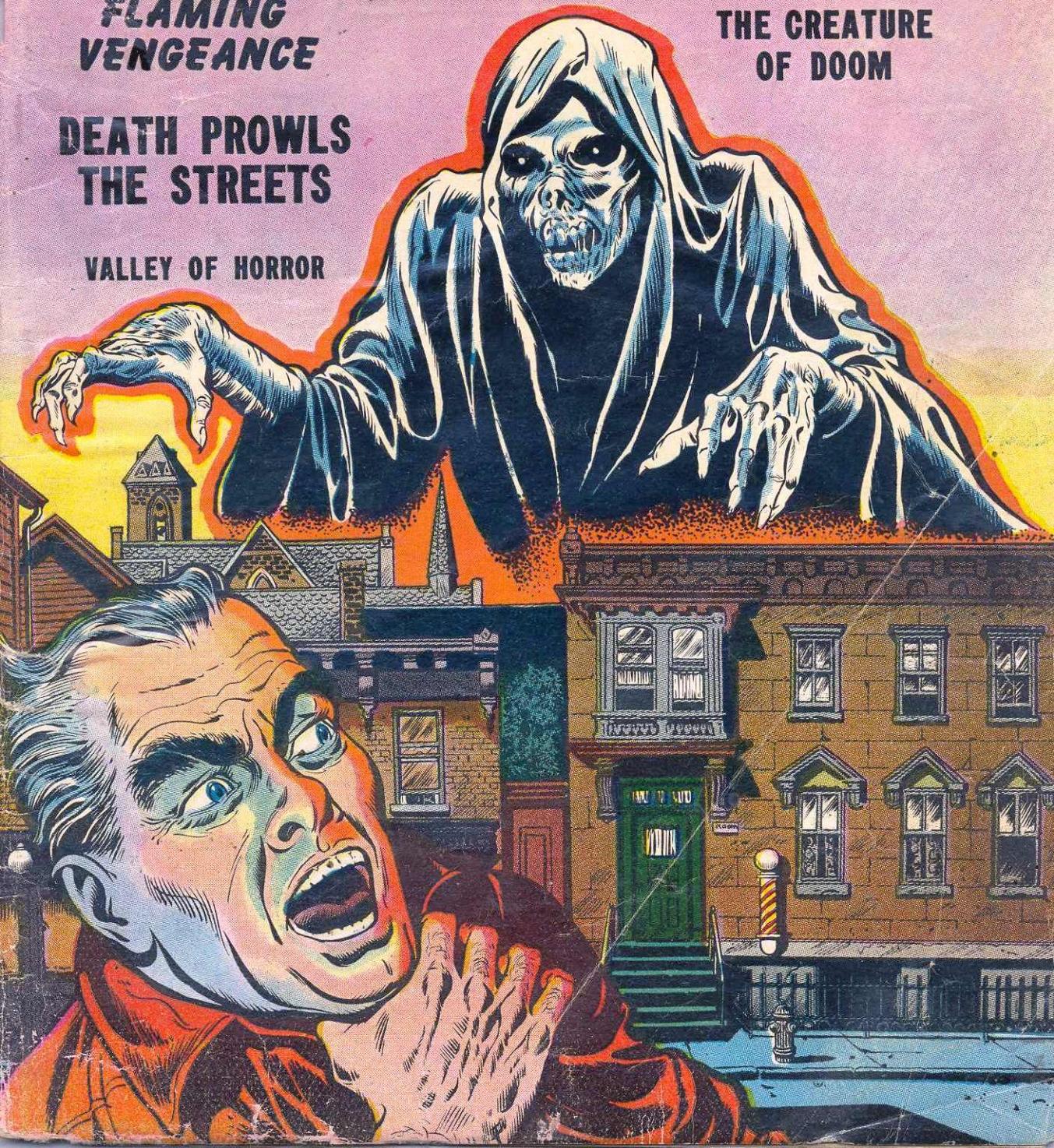
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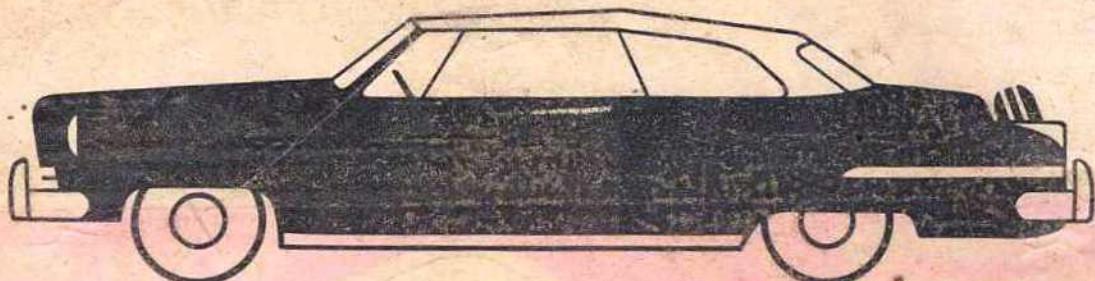
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NEW MEXICO'S GREATEST ATOMIC BOMB TEST HAD GONE OFF ON SCHEDULE A SQUARE MILE OF DESERT LASHED BY THE RAGING FURY OF THE BLAST! THEN OUT OF THE GREAT CLOUD STUMBLEO A SHINING HORROR ... A THING NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE HALF MAN, HALF MONSTER EXISTING ONLY TO WREAK A TERRIBLE VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHO HAD DOOMED HIM TO DESTRUCTION ON THE BLAZING SANDS OF A MAN-MADE HELL!

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AT 31 PAUL ALLEN WAS RATED ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP NUCLEAR PHYSICISTS! THIS TEST WOULD BE HIS CROWNING TRIUMPH...

A B-36 WITH A PICKED CREW WOULD DELIVER THE EARTH-SHAKING MONSTER TO ITS DESERT TARGET!

YOU'LL MAKE YOUR BOMB RUN AT 30,000 FEET! THE RADAR CONTROLS WILL TAKE OVER THE ACTUAL DROP!

Los Alamos News

ATOM BOMB TEST SET FOR TOMORROW

DR. PAUL ALLEN IN FULL CHARGE OF TOP SECRET BLAST TEST!



THE TARGET WAS A NETWORK OF INSTRUMENTS OF DR. PAUL ALLEN'S OWN DESIGN! AROUND IT WERE MILITARY VEHICLES TO TEST THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE BOMB!



WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER FOR OVER A YEAR! CERTAINLY YOU CAN TRUST ME WITH THE SECRET OF THIS SPECIAL TEST!

IT ISN'T THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, RENNI! I WOULDN'T BURDEN ANYONE WITH SUCH DANGEROUS KNOWLEDGE!



RED AGENTS HAVE WARNED ME IF I DON'T REVEAL MY SECRET, I'LL BE KILLED TO DESTROY MY USEFULNESS!

AND THEY MEAN IT, PAUL...

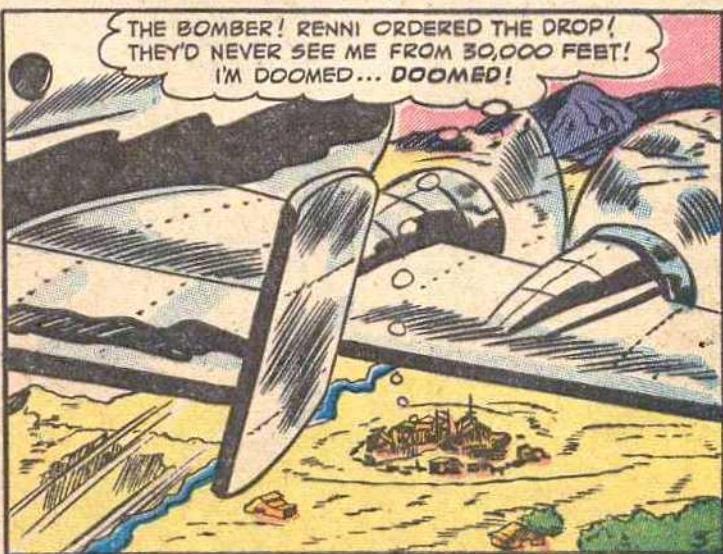


THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! TELL US THE SECRET OF THE NEW BOMB OR YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

RENNI! YOU.. YOU'RE ONE OF THEM!

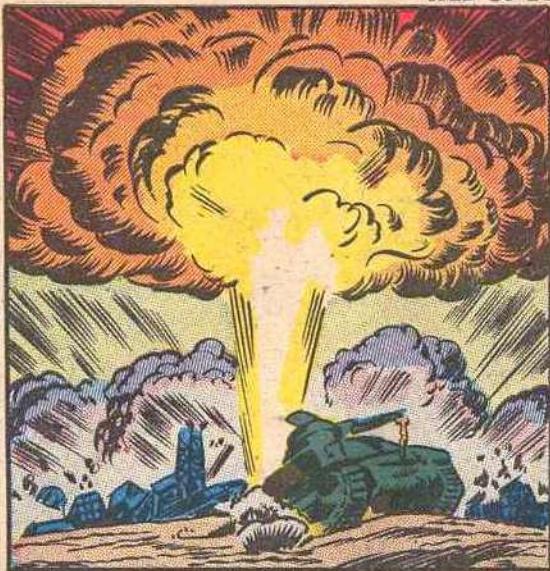


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AT
1,500
FEET
THE BOMB
EXPLODED,
SHAKING
EARTH AND
SKY, WIPE
OUT TONS
OF ARMORED
STEEL
TARGET
VEHICLES
IN A
BLAZE
OF
AWFUL
ATOMIC
FURY...



A SHORT TIME LATER--

AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT
WASN'T REGISTERING! HE WAS
LIKE A MAD-MAN! HE KNOCKED
ME ASIDE AND RAN OUT...
AND THEN CAME THE
BOMB BLAST!

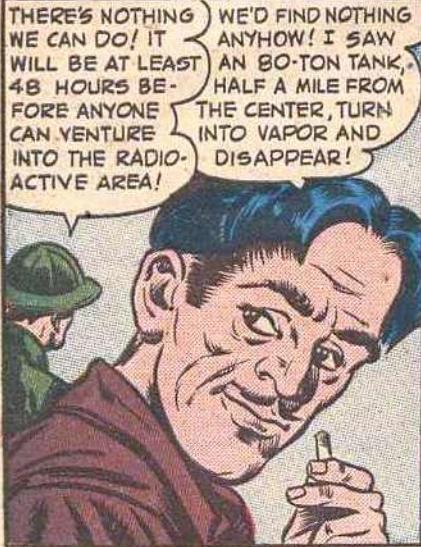
PAUL WAS LIKE
THAT! THE TEST
MEANT EVERY-
THING TO HIM!
YOU COULDN'T
HELP IT,
DR. SERB!



THERE'S NOTHING
WE CAN DO! IT
WILL BE AT LEAST
48 HOURS BE-
FORE ANYONE
CAN VENTURE
INTO THE RADIO-
ACTIVE AREA!

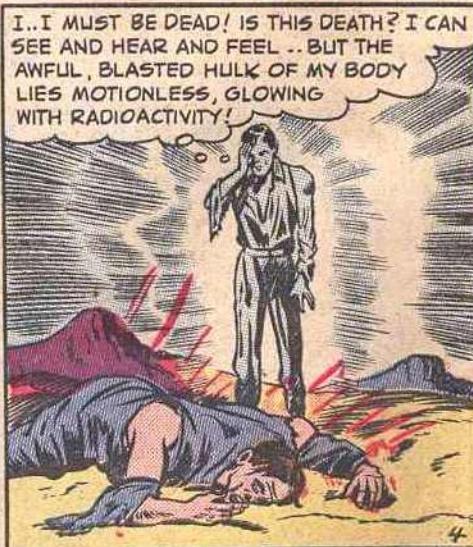
WE'D FIND NOTHING
ANYHOW! I SAW
AN 80-TON TANK,
HALF A MILE FROM
THE CENTER, TURN
INTO VAPOR AND
DISAPPEAR!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT--



IT'S OVER AND I'M STILL ALIVE!
THERE WAS AN ETERNITY OF FLAME
AND FURY AND AWFUL HEAT...
AND NOW THIS
TERRIBLE SILENCE!

I..I MUST BE DEAD! IS THIS DEATH? I CAN
SEE AND HEAR AND FEEL .. BUT THE
AWFUL, BLASTED HULK OF MY BODY
LIES MOTIONLESS, GLOWING
WITH RADIOACTIVITY!



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IF I AM DEAD, RENNI KILLED ME! I MUST FIND THAT MURDERING VULTURE AND... WHY, JUST THE THOUGHT SENDS ME FLYING THROUGH THE AIR! I AM A GHOST AND I'M FLYING STRAIGHT TO THE MAN WHO KILLED ME!

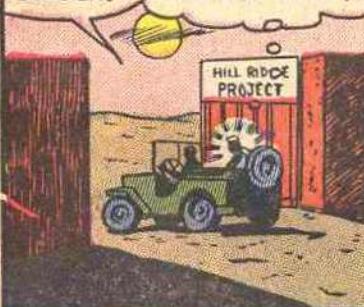


YOU'RE UPSET, DR. SERB, AND NO WONDER! YOU GO ON HOME AND REST! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE!

NO! NO! HE'S ONLY FAKING! HE MURDERED ME! HE'S A RED AGENT.. OH, IT'S NO USE! NO ONE HEARS ME.. OR FEELS MY TOUCH!



WAIT TILL I TELL MY PEOPLE HOW EASY THIS WAS! FOUL TRAITOR! I'LL MAYBE WE'VE AND DISCOVER BEEN TOO YOUR WHOLE CAUTIOUS FILTHY NETWORK WITH OUR INFILTRATION! BEFORE I FIND A WAY TO DESTROY YOU AND YOUR PALS!



WHY-- WHY THIS IS MY HOUSE! HE'S GOING TO SEE GENA! BUT WAIT... HE SAID SHE WAS A RED AGENT, TOO! BUT HE LIED, JUST TO TORTURE ME! HE MUST HAVE LIED...



DEAREST, IT'S DONE! MY DARLING, MY HE'S DEAD AND I'LL SURELY GET THE ORDER OF STALIN FOR SETTING BACK AMERICAN ATOMIC PROGRESS!

TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN!



YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I'VE SUFFERED WITH THAT STUPID FOOL TRYING TO MAKE HIM REVEAL HIS SECRETS!



NEVER MIND! YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD, GENA! HE WAS A STUBBORN CAPITALIST TOOL AND FOR THEM THERE IS ONLY DESTRUCTION!

COMISSAR KLEV WILL MEET US HERE AT MIDNIGHT FOR A FULL REPORT! IF HE IS SEEN, YOU CAN SAY HE IS A FRIEND OF PAUL'S WHO CAME TO OFFER CONDOLENCES!

TONIGHT! THEY'LL BE TOGETHER TONIGHT WITH THE TOP AGENT, THE ONE WHO ORDERED MY MURDER!



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UNTIL MONSTER! MURDERER!
TONIGHT, BABUSHKA!
OH, I CAN'T GRASP HIS
LYING, CHEATING THROAT!
I'M AS HELPLESS AS THE
MIST AT NIGHTFALL...



HALF MAD WITH HIS BURNING THIRST
FOR VENGEANCE, PAUL ALLEN MADE
EVERY EFFORT TO FORCE AWARENESS
ONTO THE SMILING KILLER!



IF I COULD STOP THE CAR SOMEHOW...
BUT I CAN'T GRASP ANYTHING! IT'S
STARTING AND I'M POWERLESS
TO HALT IT!



WHAT TORTURE IS THIS? MY KILLERS
AND MY BETRAYER WILL BE TOGETHER,
GLOATING OVER MY DEATH, AND I CAN
NEITHER HURT THEM OR REVEAL
THEIR TREASON!



HIS RAGING THOUGHTS
CAUGHT HIM UP
AND SWEEPED
HIM TO THE
BEDROOM
THAT HAD BEEN HIS
OWN...
TO THE MOCKERY
OF LAUGHTER
HE COULD NOT
STILL...

LA-LA-LA! I HAVE TO
WEAR WIDOW'S BLACK
FOR THAT STUPID
PAUL.. BUT IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE UGLY
BLACK!

CHEAT! LIAR! I
TRUSTED YOU...
LOVED YOU! NOW
I UNDERSTAND WHY
YOU BEGGED ME TO
TELL YOU MORE
ABOUT MY WORK,
TRAITORESS!



I'LL GO MAD WITH KNOWING AND HATING... AND
BEING SO POWERLESS! I'M A GHOST... AND
I NEVER BELIEVED IN GHOSTS...



BUT WAIT! I CAN'T BE
DEAD OR I'D MEET
OTHER PHANTOMS!
I'M IN SOME EMPTY
HALF-WORLD, BE-
TWEEN LIFE AND
DEATH, SHARING
BOTH BUT PART
OF NEITHER!

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IT MUST BE SOME EFFECT OF THE ATOM BLAST! IT DROVE MY PSYCHE.. MY SOUL.. OUT OF MY BODY BEFORE IT DIED! THEN.. PERHAPS THERE IS ONE MATERIAL THING I CAN STILL CONTROL..

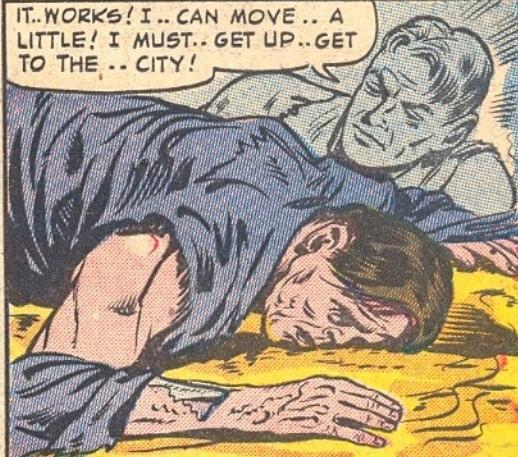


WITH THE FLEETING SPEED OF THOUGHT, PAUL'S PHANTOM FORM SWEEPED OUT ACROSS THE DESERT, BACK TO THE STILL-DEADLY SPOT BENEATH THE ATOM BLAST!

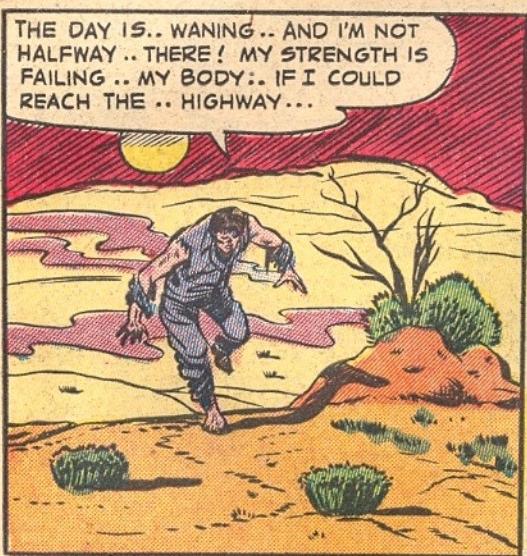
MY OWN SHATTERED BODY! I MOVED IT ONCE, UP OUT OF THE CRATER! IF I CAN MOVE IT AGAIN, I'LL MAKE IT MY INSTRUMENT OF VENGEANCE!



HE DRIFTED INTO THE FRIGHTFUL CADAVER, FITTING HIMSELF TO THE FAMILIAR LINES, FORCING ALL THE EFFORT AT HIS COMMAND INTO THE TASK OF MOVING! AND ...



THE DAY IS.. WANING.. AND I'M NOT HALFWAY .. THERE! MY STRENGTH IS FAILING .. MY BODY.. IF I COULD REACH THE .. HIGHWAY...



IT WAS EVENING WHEN AT LAST HE CAME TO THE ALAMOGORDO HIGHWAY

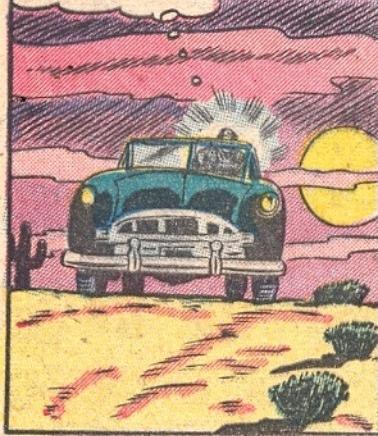
STOP GRIPING! I'VE GOT THE TIRE CHANGED! WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY AS SOON AS I LOAD THE SPARE!

A CAR...! I MUST HAVE.. IT! CAN'T GO.. ON.. MUCH LONGER .. ON FOOT!



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THIS IS EASIER! DRIVING SAVES MY STRENGTH FOR THE TASK AHEAD .. WHEN I MEET THOSE THREE FACE TO FACE AT LAST!



SLOWLY.. CAREFULLY.. AVOIDING BUSY STREETS, PAUL REACHED THE QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE HE HAD LIVED

I'M EARLY, BUT RENNI'S CAR IS ALREADY THERE! BUT I MUST WAIT FOR THE THIRD ONE .. THE AGENT HE CALLED KLEV!



THE WAIT WAS NOT LONG ...!

COME INSIDE!
GENA, THIS IS
COMRADE
COMISSAR KLEV
OF THE MYD!

BE QUIET FOOL ...
AND TURN OFF THE
LIGHT! WOULD YOU
ADVERTISE OUR
MEETING TO THE
WHOLE CITY?



THE DOOR IS LOCKED ... BUT NO LOCK ON EARTH CAN KEEP ME OUT NOW.. NOT WHEN THEY ARE TOGETHER INSIDE!



..AND HE WAS NOT DEAD, BUT ONLY PARALYZED! I LEFT HIM THERE TO MEDITATE ON HIS CRIMES AGAINST OUR CAUSE UNTIL THE BOMB FELL!



GOOD! THEN YOU ARE ABOVE SUSPICION AND FREE TO GO ON WORKING WITH THEIR SCIENTISTS, KEEP US INFORMED OF THEIR SECRETS!



WOULD YOU,
MY DEAR
WIFE?



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Y-YOU'RE DEAD!
G-GET AWAY
FROM ME! DON'T
TOUCH ME!

I WON'T, RENNI... NOT UNTIL
LAST! I WANT YOU TO WAIT
AND SUFFER AS YOU MADE
ME WAIT OUT THERE, FOR
THE BOMB TO FALL!

I'LL KILL
YOU...

EEEEEAAA!
MY LEGS...
MY LEGS!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT
LONG, RENNI! NOT AS
LONG AS I WAITED!

GET BACK!
GET AWAY!



GAHHH! DON'T
TOUCH ME! I
CAN FEEL THE
RADIOACTIVE
FORCE BEATING
AT ME, BURNING
ME!

YOU GAVE ME
THAT POWER,
RENNI! DON'T
SHRINK FROM
IT NOW!

IT'S OVER AND I'M FREE!
SOMEWHERE I HEAR MUSIC
AND VOICES CALLING ME,
AND AT LAST I'M
FREE TO GO!



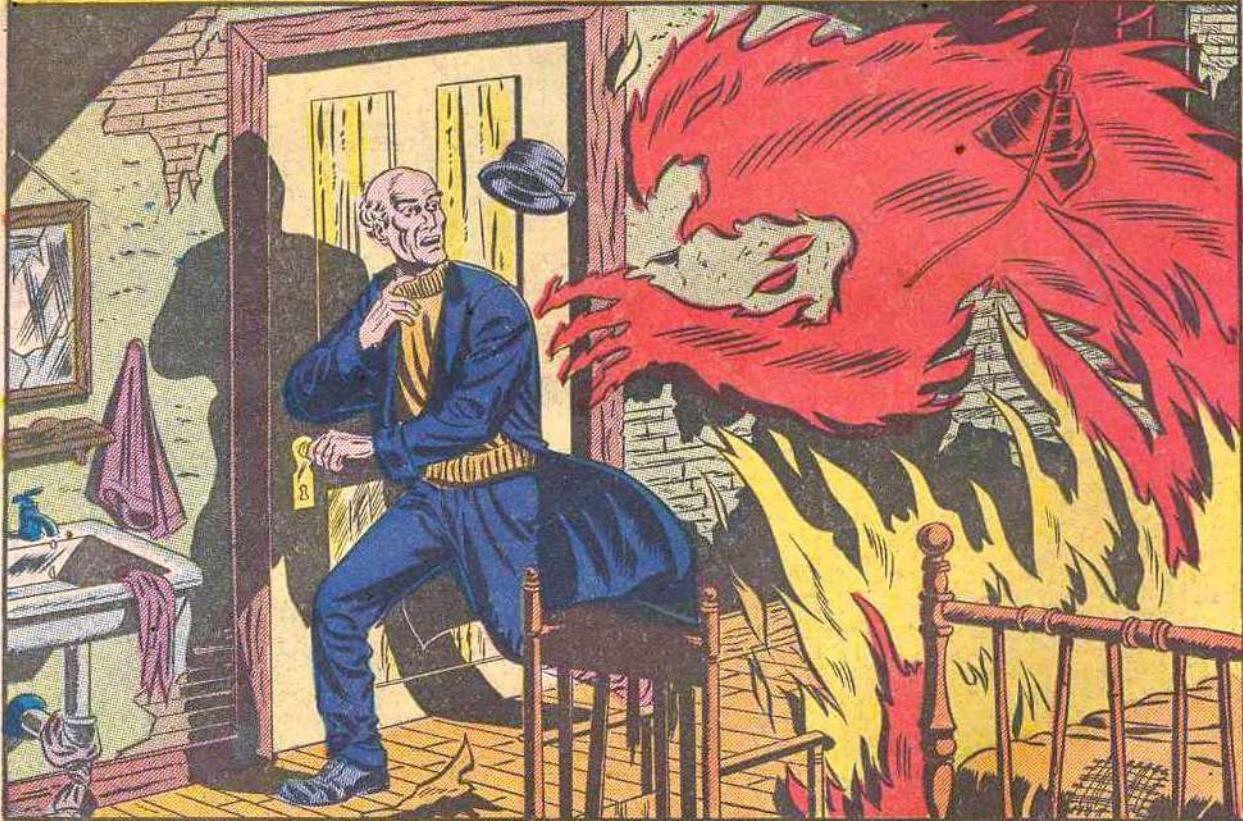
THE NEXT MORNING... HE WAS SEEING
THINGS! WE FOUND
THREE BODIES... AND
A LITTLE HEAP OF
RADIOACTIVE DUST
THAT NOBODY CAN
IDENTIFY!

ARE YOU SURE
THERE WERE ONLY
THREE BODIES?
THE PATROLMAN
WHO SPOTTED
THE FIRE WAS
SURE HE SAW
FOUR!



FLAMING VENGEANCE

THIRTY PEOPLE DIED IN SHRIEKING AGONY TO SATISFY THE UGLY GREED OF CAL ARNUM... MINGLING THEIR DYING CURSE WITH THE CONSUMING FLAMES! ARNUM SNEERED AT THE IDEA OF VENGEANCE FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE... UNTIL HIS OWN DARK WEB OF EVIL SCHEMING DREW HIM INTO THE TOILS OF A HORROR TOO FRIGHTFUL TO CONTEMPLATE!



IT WAS SAID CAL ARNUM WAS TOO MEAN TO SHELTER EVEN A DISEASE GERM UNLESS IT PAID RENT!

PAPER, MISTER? READ ABOUT THE VIRUS EPIDEMIC! TWENTY MORE CASES SINCE MIDNIGHT...

SPEND 5 CENTS FOR SUCH FOOLISHNESS? GET AWAY FROM ME, BRAT!

LET SOME FOOL WASTE HIS MONEY! I GET THE NEWS FOR NOTHING!

THE FOULEST TENEMENT IN THE CITY WAS ARNUM'S PROPERTY... AND HIS PRIVATE GOLD MINE, THOUGH FEW REALIZED HOW PROFITABLE IT WAS!

FILTHY SCUM! JUST COMING HERE ONCE A MONTH TO COLLECT MY RENTS MAKES ME SICK! THEY LIVE LIKE PIGS!



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-IT'S EVERY PENNY WE HAVE, MR. ARNUM! I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'LL EAT WITH MY HUSBAND SICK WITH THAT VIRUS!

THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM! JUST SEE THAT YOU HAVE THE RENT READY WHEN IT'S DUE!

ARNUM, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! I'M SEVERN OF THE CITY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE!

NOW WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE WANT? ALWAYS MAKING TROUBLE FOR A POOR MAN TRYING TO EARN A PENNY! YOU HOUND ME AND PERSECUTE ME!



WE WON'T MUCH LONGER! EITHER FIX UP THIS FILTHY FIRETRAP AT ONCE OR THE CITY PLANS TO CONDEMN THE WHOLE BLOCK!

EAA! IT'S ROBBERY! YOU THIEVES! YOU WANT TO STEAL MY PROPERTY, THAT'S ALL!

WHAT DO THEY EXPECT...THE RITZ FOR \$8 A MONTH? THAT BUILDING IS SAFE ENOUGH!

SAFE? GAHH! IT'S A DEATH TRAP WITH THOSE FAULTY WIRES RUN EVERYWHERE! YOU HAVE A WEEK TO REPAIR IT OR LOSE IT!

A WEEK? AND NEW WIRING WOULD COST A FORTUNE! I WISH THE OLD DUMP WOULD BURN DOWN! I'VE GOT PLENTY OF INSURANCE! AND WITH EVERYBODY SICK, I'LL LOSE MY RENTS ANYHOW!



AND WHY NOT? IF A FIRE STARTED, THEY'D BLAME IT ON DEFECTIVE WIRING! THEY COULDN'T BLAME ME IF I WAS GETTING BIDS ON HAVING IT REWIRED!



LOST IN DREAMS OF NEW WEALTH. CAL ARNUM SCUTTLED TO THE DINGY MANSION HE HAD INHERITED FROM LESS MISERLY ANCESTORS.



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I'VE PUT IT TO A BETTER USE, HEE-HEE! NO THIEF WOULD THINK OF LOOKING FOR A FORTUNE IN A TOMB! SOON I'LL HAVE LOTS MORE GOLD TO STORE HERE!



IN THE SMALL BLACK HOURS OF THAT NIGHT...

THE WIND IS PERFECT! THERE'LL BE NO DANGER OF THEIR PUTTING OUT THE FIRE BEFORE IT SWEEPS THE WHOLE BLOCK! I'LL COLLECT ON A TOTAL LOSS!



EEEEAAHHH! I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO START SO VIOLENTLY! I MUST GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I'M SEEN!



I MADE IT BEFORE ANYBODY WOKE UP! NOW I'LL RUSH HOME AND BE IN BED WHEN I'M NOTIFIED OF MY...HA-HA... LOSS!

YI!!!! HELP! FIRE! FIRE!



WHILE THE DOOMED AND THE DYING MADE THE NIGHT HIDEOUS WITH THEIR SHRIEKS, FIREMEN FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE WITH THE FLAMES!



HELP ME! SAVE ME! I'M BURNING... AGHHHHH!

UGH, WHAT A HORROR! WE'VE FOUND AT LEAST TWENTY DEAD SO FAR, AND WE CAN HEAR OTHERS SCREAMING IN THERE!

I WANT THIS CASE, CHIEF! IF I CAN FIND EVIDENCE OF ARSON, I WANT THAT FILTHY ARNUM ALONE FOR JUST HALF AN HOUR, THE RAT!



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MEANWHILE, IN THE BEDROOM OF THE OLD RUIN ARNUM CALLED "HOME" ...

MY COAT! IT'S RIPPED AND THERE'S A BUTTON MISSING! WHERE DID I DO THAT? WHAT IF THEY FIND IT NEAR THE FIRE? THEY CAN MATCH FABRICS!



THEY'LL NEVER GET ME! I'VE PLANNED FOR AN EMERGENCY LONG AGO! I JUST HATED TO SPEND THE MONEY UNTIL I HAD TO!



AT A LITTLE HOUSE ON A WINDING STREET, NOT FAR AWAY...



I AM AWAKE, MY FRIEND! THE CRYSTAL BALL TOLD ME YOU WOULD COME HERE TONIGHT! AND WELL YOU DID! THE FIRE DETECTIVE HAS ALREADY FOUND A MELTED BUTTON!

YOU...YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!



FATE KNOWS EVERYTHING... YES, AND CHOOSES TO TELL ME A FEW SECRETS, SAHIB! YOU HAVE COME FOR THE DROPS OF THE DEATH DRUG!

YES! IT'S MY ONLY HOPE OF ESCAPE! I'LL PAY YOUR PRICE!



YOU'RE SURE IT WORKS? YOU GUARANTEE RESULTS?

I DO, SAHIB! DRINK THIS AND YOU WILL FALL DOWN IN A CATALEPTIC SLEEP! YOUR MIND WILL BE AWAKE, BUT YOUR BODY WILL BE AS IN DEATH!



NO MEDICAL SCIENCE WILL DETECT A SIGN OF LIFE, SAHIB! YOU WILL LIE AS ONE DEAD FOR 48 HOURS! THEN YOU WILL RECOVER COMPLETELY!

THAT'S LONG ENOUGH, THE WAY I'VE PLANNED IT! I WORKED THIS SCHEME OUT LONG AGO...IN CASE SOMETHING EVER WENT WRONG!



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YOU'RE A THIEF AND A ROBBER, CHARGING SUCH A PRICE...BUT YOU'VE GOT ME WHERE I HAVE TO PAY!

EXACTLY, SAHIB! THE PRICE WAS AGREED UPON WHEN YOU SOUGHT ME OUT MANY MONTHS AGO! MAN SETS HIS OWN VALUES ON HIS LIFE!

I WON'T USE THIS UNTIL I HAVE TO! THAT PIECE OF MY COAT MAY HAVE BEEN TOO BURNED EVER TO PROVE ANYTHING!

I...I'M SO DIZZY, AND I THINK I'VE GOT A FEVER! MAYBE I'M CATCHING THAT VIRUS THAT'S GOING AROUND! I HOPE NOT!



MY JACKET! IT WAS HERE ON THE BED WHEN I LEFT! SOMEONE'S TAKEN IT...

I TOOK IT... KILLER!

IT DIDN'T TAKE OUR LABORATORY FIVE MINUTES TO MATCH UP THE ASHES AND BUTTON WE FOUND WITH THE MATERIAL OF YOUR COAT! STICK OUT YOUR HANDS!

NO! NO! YOU CAN'T ARREST ME! IT'S A MISTAKE!



YOU MADE THE MISTAKE... WAIT... AND IT BROUGHT AGONY... WAIT! I'M... I'M SICK! LET ME TAKE MY MEDICINE!

GET ON YOUR FEET!

YOU'LL TAKE YOUR MEDICINE, YOU COLD-BLOODED MURDERER... IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



AGH-AGH-AGH....

YOU VULTURE! IF YOU'VE POISONED YOURSELF TO DODGE PUNISHMENT...



THROUGH THE NEXT WILD HOUR, CAL ARNUM LAY PERFECTLY CONSCIOUS, HIS MIND CLEAR BUT HIS BODY LOCKED IN A WEIRD PARALYSIS!

THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT! HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT!

IT WORKS...EXACTLY AS SIDI RABU PROMISED! NOW, IN 48 HOURS I'LL BE AWAKE AGAIN AND FREE...FREE!

HERE'S HIS WILL IN THIS DRAWER... AND IT SPECIFIES HE'S NOT TO BE EMBALMED! THE BODY IS TO BE PUT IN THE FAMILY TOMB OUT BEHIND THE HOUSE!

AND NOBODY KNOWS I FIXED THE DOOR SO I CAN GET OUT WHEN I'M READY, TAKE MY HORDE OF GOLD AND SLIP AWAY TO SAFETY!



THE REQUEST IS LEGAL, I GUESS! I'LL NOTIFY THE UNDERTAKER HE MENTIONS TO HANDLE THE DETAILS!

IT'S PERFECT! IN 48 HOURS I'LL BE ON MY WAY TO A NEW PLACE WHERE I CAN CHANGE MY NAME AND START OVER!

HOLD IT, EVERYBODY! THE MAYOR JUST ISSUED AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION! IT'S EFFECTIVE AT ONCE... TO STOP THE VIRUS EPIDEMIC, EVERY DEAD BODY IN THE CITY IS TO BE CREMATED WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER DEATH!

NO! NO, FOR THE LOVE OF MERCY! I'M NOT DEAD! YOU CAN'T BURN ME! I CAN'T MOVE BUT I'M ALIVE!

SO HE'LL BURN AFTER ALL! I'M ONLY SORRY THE SKUNK WON'T BE ALIVE TO FEEL THE FLAMES THE WAY HIS VICTIMS DID!



AN HOUR LATER, AT THE CREMATORIUM, FRIGHTFUL TERROR WITHIN CAL ARNUM'S BREAST BROKE THE PARALYSIS FOR ONE LAST DESPAIRING SHRIEK OF MORTAL ANGUISH!



THE CONSTANT, OMINOUS PLODDING OF A THING GONE MAD--A CRY OF CHOKED OFF TERROR--THE DULL THUD OF A BODY DRAINED OF LIFE...AND ANOTHER HELPLESS PERSON HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO THIS BEAST OF CRIME! FOR NO ONE IS SAFE WHEN...

DEATH PROWLS the STREETS



IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT NEAR BOSTON COMMON A HUNCHED FIGURE SLINKS TOWARD THE CITY PARK...



A LATE WORKING VENDOR HEARS FOOTSTEPS! HE TURNS...

CANDY BARS... GET YOUR LATE PAPER... SOMETHING TO READ ON THE RIDE HOME... EH?



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SUDDENLY, DEATH MOVES OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

NEWS-P-A-P-E-R-S...
W-HO A-RE YOU?
YAAAAAAA!



YAAARGH!

W-WHAT'S THAT?

WHY...
SOMEONE'S
BEING
INJURED!



APPEASED, CONTENTED, THE
THING OF MURDER MOVES
TOWARD THE SHADOWS...



LATER, LIEUTENANT GEORGE SANDS OF
HOMICIDE EXAMINES EVIDENCE ON HIS
HEADQUARTERS DESK...

CRAZY! JUST PLAIN
CRAZY! WHO IN
BLAZES WOULD WANT
TO KILL OFF A HARM-
LESS LITTLE PARK
VENDOR? SEEMS
THERE'S A CRACK-
POT KILLER IN
EVERY BIG
CITY!

YEAH,
SANDS! BUT
THANK
HEAVENS
THEY'RE
USUALLY
STUPID
ENOUGH TO
BE CAUGHT
EASILY!

WELL, THE RAT RACE BEGINS
AGAIN! CHECK EVERY FRINGE
TYPE LUNATIC WE'VE GOT IN OUR
FILES! TRACE THEY'RE ACTIONS,
CHECK THEY'RE ALIBIS, AND THEN
GRAB THE ONE WHO CAN'T
EXPLAIN HIS WHEREABOUTS
AND HAS A WILD LOOK IN
HIS EYES!

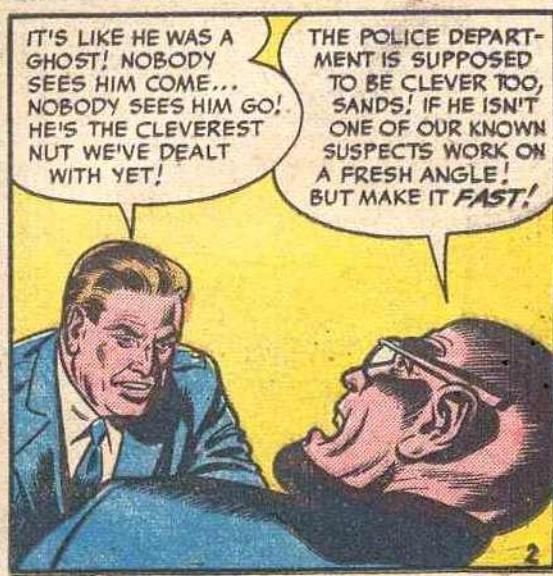
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HE IS
WRONG...
FOR AS
THE DAYS
PASS...

LIEUTENANT, WHAT
IN THE SAM HILL IS
HOLDING YOU UP?
THIS IS THE THIRD
KILLING WITHIN FOUR
DAYS BY THIS FANATIC!
THE PAPERS ARE MAK-
ING MONKEYS OF US!
GET THAT MAD
MAN!

CHIEF... IT'S... IT'S A
SCREWBALL CASE! WE
KNOW HE'S JUST SOME
CRACKPOT OF
COURSE... BUT HE
DOESN'T LEAVE
ANY CLUES!

IT'S LIKE HE WAS A
GHOST! NOBODY
SEES HIM COME...
NOBODY SEES HIM GO!
HE'S THE CLEVEREST
NUT WE'VE DEALT
WITH YET!

THE POLICE DEPART-
MENT IS SUPPOSED
TO BE CLEVER TOO,
SANDS! IF HE ISN'T
ONE OF OUR KNOWN
SUSPECTS WORK ON
A FRESH ANGLE!
BUT MAKE IT *FAST*!



BUT THE LIEU-TENANT HAS NOT MOVED FAST ENOUGH! FOR THAT VERY EVENING THE CLOAKED CREATURE OF EVIL IS AGAIN ABROAD...

READY AND WAITING... SUCH A SMALL PRIZE FOR ONE OF MY ABILITY... STILL TO THE POLICE IT WILL BE REMARKABLE INDEED! AH, ONLY THE HEAD TELLER REMAINS TO CLOSE THE BANK!



WEB OF EVIL

SHORTLY, THE MAN OF MURDER HOVERS GRACEFULLY FROM THE BANK ROOF AND...

A POINT OF ENTRANCE NEVER EXPECTED BY THE FOOLS! AWAY FROM ALL ALARMS AND OUT OF SIGHT!
HA!



CAREFULLY, THE NOCTURNAL CREATURE LIFTS THE CUT GLASS FREE WITH A SUCTION CUP AND...

EASY...
EASY...



THEN...

YIIIIII!

HAIL AND FAREWELL, MY FRIEND!



AFTERWARD, AS AN ALARMED POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDIES THE DEATH SCENE...

GREAT THUNDER! HE PULLS THE CLEVEREST SMALL BANK THEFT IN HISTORY AND THEN BURNS THE MONEY! W-WHAT'S BEHIND IT, CHIEF?

I DON'T KNOW, SANDS! BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN, THIS FIEND IS TOO CLEVER FOR YOU...OR ME, ONLY ONE MAN CAN COPE WITH HIM... EMMETT DRU!



DRU! SURE, HE CRACKED EVERY PHANTOM KILLING CASE HE EVER HANDLED! BUT, CHIEF! HE'S BEEN RETIRED OVER A YEAR-- HIS HEALTH IS SHOT! HE VOWED NEVER TO HANDLE ANOTHER JOB...

HE'S GOT TO HANDLE JUST ONE MORE, SANDS! WE'RE DESPERATE AND LIVES ARE AT STAKE!



LATER, AT THE COUNTRY HOME OF RETIRED CRACK DETECTIVE, EMMETT DRU...

SURELY YOU ARE JOKING, GENTLEMEN! MY CRIMINAL-CHASING IS BEHIND ME! I HAVE ONLY THE STATUES OF THE PHANTOM KILLERS I CAPTURED TO STIR MY MEMORIES!

EMMETT! YOU MUST HELP US! WE'RE HELPLESS AGAINST THIS CREATURE! ONLY YOU, THE GREATEST OF ALL DETECTIVES, CAN HOPE TO BEST HIM!



I SEE! IF SUCH IS THE
CASE PERHAPS I CAN
PERFORM ONE LAST
SERVICE FOR THE
DEPARTMENT! CARL!
PREPARE THE DEN
FOR A POLICE
CONFERENCE!

YES,
MR.
DRU

FAR INTO THE NIGHT THE FORMER
ACE DETECTIVE REVIEWS THE CASE!
NO DETAIL ESCAPES HIS KEEN MIND...

BUT, EMMETT,
THERE AREN'T
ANY OTHER
CLUES! WE JUST
HAVE THE FIVE
LOCATIONS OF
THE MURDER
SCENES TO
WORK WITH!

FANTASTIC! INDEED
WE DO HAVE A
PROBLEM ON
OUR HANDS! IN
YOUNGER DAYS I
PATROLED ON
FOOT FOR SUS-
PECTS! I SHALL DO
IT AGAIN... HERE
AT THE WATERFRONT.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, THE GREAT DETECTIVE BEGINS HIS GRIM PATROL.

ONCE AGAIN SEEKING AN UNKNOWN FIEND BY MOON-LIGHT! STRANGE INDEED! THE SCENES OF HIS MURDERS MADE A SEMI-CIRCLE ABOUT THE DOCK AREA! A SLIGHT CLUE... BUT THIS MAY BE THE SITE FROM WHICH HE LEAVES TO DO MURDER!

THE KEEN-THINKING DETECTIVE ROUNDS
THE WAREHOUSE CORNER AND MOMENTS
LATER...

L-LET ME GO...
HELP! HELP!
AHHHHH

THEN, GUN FIRE SHATTERS THE STILLNESS AS THE COUNTRY'S
GREATEST DETECTIVE MOVES INTO ACTION... 

GREAT SCOTT!
TRAILING DRU WAS
SMART ALL RIGHT!
HE'S ONTO SOME-
THING ALREADY!

SHORTLY...

THE KILLER VANISHED
LIKE A SHADOW!
WHAT DID HE LOOK
LIKE, EMMETT?
HOW TALL? HOW
HEAVY?

HE... WAS A
HUMAN DEVIL! HIS
EYE LIKE AN ORB
OF FIRE... A FACE
FILLED WITH UNHOLY
HATRED! I... I CAN'T
GET HIS FACE FROM
MY MIND!

HOURS LATER, AFTER POLICE HAVE FUTILLY SCOURED THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DRU RETURNS HOME AND...

YOU ARE ILL, MR. DRU!
I KNEW YOU SHOULD
NEVER HAVE TAKEN
THIS TERRIBLE CASE!
WHY... YOUR NERVOUS
BREAKDOWN WAS
ENOUGH TO KILL
MOST MEN!

YES... THE
EXCITEMENT AFTER
ALL THIS TIME HAS
BEEN TOO MUCH
FOR MY ILL HEALTH!
B-BUT THAT HIDEOUS
FACE... THAT
GHASTLY
EXPRESSION...

WEB OF EVIL



Dru fumbles blindly for his weapon-- his palm touches cold steel! Then he tightens his index finger about the trigger and...



WEB OF EVIL

IN A LOCALITY WHERE HIS UGLINESS WOULD NOT ATTRACT ATTENTION--HE WOULD EVEN BENEFIT HIS LIVELIHOOD--A CIRCUS OR A CARNIVAL OF COURSE!

BY THUNDER, YOU'RE RIGHT, DRU! AS A SIDE-SHOW FREAK HE'D BE ABOVE SUSPICION! YOU'RE A WALKING GENIUS!

THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME FOR BACK SLAPPING, SANDS! A KILLER IS LOOSE IN THE STREETS! I SUGGEST YOU DETAIL A SQUAD OF MEN TO THE WAVERLY CARNIVAL! IT'S THE ONLY ONE IN THE AREA!

WE'LL DRAGNET THE ENTIRE SHOW--IF HE'S THERE WE'LL FIND HIM!



ANXIOUSLY, THE TWO DETECTIVES RUSH TO THE WAVERLY CARNIVAL WHERE...

THERE THEY ARE--ALL OF MY SIDE-SHOW ACTS JUST AS YOU ASKED FOR, GENTLEMEN!

NO... I'M AFRAID OUR MAN ISN'T AMONG THEM! ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN NO ONE?

NOT THAT I KNOW OF... WE DID HAVE GEEKO, THE WILD MAN, WITH US! BUT I FIRED HIM JUST THIS MORNING--HIS TEMPER GOT THE BETTER OF HIM! HE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE!

HM-M... A TAILOR-MADE CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR PHANTOM! I THINK PERHAPS WE'D BETTER HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH GEEKO! DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE CAN FIND HIM?



I SAW HIM ON THE GROUNDS JUST AWHILE AGO! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AROUND! YOU CAN'T MISS HIM... HE'S A BRUTE!

WE MUST WORK FAST, SANDS! NO TELLING WHEN HE'LL KILL AGAIN IF HE IS THE PHANTOM! LET'S SPLIT UP--WE'LL GIVE A CALL IF WE LOCATE HIM!

RIGHT, DRU!

AS DETECTIVE DRU METHODICALLY COVERS THE CARNIVAL GROUNDS WITH THE TRAINED EYE OF HIS PROFESSION...

NOTHING YET... BUT HE MUST BE ABOUT SOMEWHERE! M-MY HEAD... IT'S SPLITTING! I WOULD HAVE TO FORGET THOSE ASPIRINS...



SHORTLY, A WEIRD CRY ECHOES FORTH FROM THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS...

SANDS! SANDS! IT'S THE PHANTOM! I'VE GOT HIM CORNERED!

GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S DRU CRYING OUT!



WEB OF EVIL

W-WATCH YOURSELF, SANDS! THERE'S MORE THAN ONE PHANTOM --I-I CAN COUNT FIVE... SIX...SEVEN...

H-HUH? POOR DRU... I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!



WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR SANDS? SHOOT THEM ALL DOWN-- OR THEY'LL ESCAPE US!

SURE... DRU!! ANYTHING YOU SAY...



HE'S STARK RAVING MAD! GOT TO KNOCK HIM OUT BEFORE ONE OF HIS BULLETS HITS SOMEONE...

HA, HA...HO, HO! SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D OUTWITTED ME, EH, PHANTOM? NO CRIMINAL ALIVE CAN BEST EMMETT DRU!



IT'S BETTER THIS WAY... FELLER!

O-OH...



AND WHEN STARTLED POLICE OFFICIALS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE...

DRU... THE PHANTOM! THIS IS INCREDIBLE, SANDS!

WELL, HERE'S THE PROOF, CHIEF! THIS PHANTOM MASK CREATED BY DRU HAS THE COMPOSITES OF THE CRIMINALS HE BESTED IN THE PAST! DRU WAS SUFFERING FROM A CASE OF SPLIT PERSONALITY--IN ONE EXISTENCE HE WAS A GREAT DETECTIVE --IN THE OTHER HE WAS THE PHANTOM!



AND HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS DOUBLE LIFE HE WAS LIVING! HOW IRONIC--HE UNWITTINGLY WAS TRACKING DOWN HIMSELF!

AS HE WAS THE PERFECT DETECTIVE HIS SUB-CONSCIOUS MIND SOUGHT TO CREATE THE PERFECT CRIMINAL! AND WHO KNOWS... IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS MASTER SKILL AS A SLEUTH THE PHANTOM MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN CAUGHT!

I CAUGHT THE PHANTOM... I KNEW I COULD DO IT! HO, HO... SO NO CRIMINAL ALIVE CAN BEST EMMETT DRU!





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CAST BACK THE DEAD

JENNER, walking a few steps behind Jim Dake along the moonlit path, began to ease the heavy, lead-filled blackjack out from inside his jacket, worming his fingers through the thong that would hold it securely to his wrist. Here the path curved toward the cliff top and the booming of the savage surf a hundred feet below, grew louder in their ears.

Dake said, with a trace of irritation, "Blast it, Jenner, I wish you'd tell me what this is all about. Why do I have to stumble out here to the ocean at midnight just to talk something over with you? We're partners in business. What's wrong with doing our talking during business hours, either in my office or yours?"

"You'll understand in a minute, Jim," Jenner said, and a grin twisted his thin lips.

Yes, in a minute Jim Dake would understand everything. He would realize, in the last stricken moments of life, how bitterly Dan Jenner hated him, hated the fact that Dake's money had bought him the biggest interest in the business, the biggest share of the profits. Dake had plenty of money, while Jenner was always in debt. Dake had a beautiful wife whose smile could fire Jenner's blood. With Jim Dake dead, Jenner would collect their partnership insurance and someday Dake's widow. Also, he would never be caught at certain company thefts that were already near discovery.

"Then make it snappy," Dake said crossly as they came to the edge of the sheer, crumbling cliff.

"All right," Jenner said and swung the blackjack savagely. "Is this snappy enough, dear partner?"

Jim Dake tried to yell but the descending bludgeon smashed through the thin wall of his skull and deep into his brain, and the nerve centers that would have completed the cry were crushed out. Probably Dake was already dead when his figure began to fall, but Jenner struck twice more with all his force and with vicious satisfaction.

His last blow sent the body reeling to the edge of the cliff. The soft dirt crumbled and tore away. Jim Dake's body plummeted over and down to the rocks and the lashing surf below.

Laughing softly, Jenner stripped off the bloody blackjack and hurled it far out into the surf-lashed bay. Let them prove anything on him now. The vicious undertow below would carry the body out to sea and probably the blackjack as well. Who could say, when the body was finally found, that the crushed skull had not been caused by the fall onto the jagged rocks below. The crumbling cliff edge would tell its own story. And the stupid Dake had never noticed that Jenner was in his stocking feet, so that only one set of shoe prints would be found leading to the edge.

Two hours later Jenner sat at the bar of the resort hotel, a few hundred yards from the murder spot. It was called Cast-Up House, for a reason Jenner had never bothered to learn. Now, hiding the pounding excitement within him, Jenner lounged at the bar and listened to the swirl of small talk around him.

A couple nearby were questioning the bartender about something. Idly, Jenner heard the girl say, "It's positively weird. I lose a heavy bracelet off the cliff into that perfectly frightening surf below and you tell me not to worry because I'll get it back within an hour, right here at the hotel."

"That you will, Miss," the bartender said, grinning. "That's why this is named Cast-Up House. The undertow throws everything in the bay right up into the little inlet in front of the hotel. You'd be surprised at the things cast up here. Why, tonight a man was murdered, his skull crushed with a blackjack. An hour later the body and blackjack filled with fingerprints rolled up here together, as nice as you please, all ready for the police." He caught a movement from the corner of his eye and whirled, shouting. "Somebody catch that man. He's fainted."

Valley of Horror



IF YOU'RE PLANNING A MOTOR TRIP SOON... BE CAREFUL WHAT ROAD MAP YOU USE! KEEP TO THE MAIN HIGHWAYS AND LISTEN TO THE GRIM WARNING OF NATIVES BEFORE YOU TRY A SHORTCUT! SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY THERE MAY BE OTHER ROADMAPS, PLANNED BY SATAN HIMSELF, TO LEAD THE UNWARY INTO THAT DARK CITY OF HORROR THAT CAN ONLY BE... A SUBURB OF HELL!

JIM AND BETTY DRAKE HAD CHOSEN A MOTOR TRIP WEST FOR THEIR HONEYMOON...

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT ROAD WE TAKE NEXT, DARLING?

NOT THE FAIREST! OUR ROAD-MAP ENDS AT THE BORDER! YOU'VE GOT TO PICK UP A NEW MAP AT THE NEXT FILLING STATION!

EEEK! THAT CAR AHEAD, JIM... IT MISSED THE SHARP TURN!

WHAT A TERRIBLE SMASH UP! I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP!

LUCKILY A STATE POLICE CAR, COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION WAS AVAILABLE TO MEET THE EMERGENCY!

YOU RUN ALONG AND ENJOY YOUR HONEYMOON, MISTER! I'VE RADIOED FOR AN AMBULANCE! HE'S STILL ALIVE IN THERE! HEY! THERE'S THE ROADMAP WE NEED!

THANKS, OFFICER! WE'RE ANXIOUS TO REACH THE CITY BEFORE TOO LATE...



WEB OF EVIL

.. AND THE TROOPER
SAID TO TAKE HIS
ROADMAP! THAT
MAN WON'T BE
GOING ANYWHERE
BUT TO THE
HOSPITAL FOR
'A LONG TIME!'

OKAY, BUT I
F-FEEL
SO QUEER!
THAT
POOR MAN,
ALL
SMASHED UP!

WAIT! THE MAP
SHOWS A SHORT
CUT THROUGH
PERDITION VALLEY,
JIM! WE CAN
CUT OFF
ELEVEN MILES
THIS WAY!

OKAY!
THE GUY
MUST
HAVE
KNOWN THE
ROAD WAS
GOOD OR
HE WOULDN'T
HAVE MARKED
THIS SHORTCUT!
I'LL TURN OFF
HERE!

SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE SHADOWS...
HOLD IT, FOLKS!
YOU DON'T WANT
TO DRIVE THROUGH
PERDITION VALLEY
AT NIGHT! THERE'S
DARK THINGS,
EVIL THINGS,
SPOOKS AND
GOBLINS! WE
WANT TO REACH
THE CITY!
SORRY...!

J-JIM, I'M
SCARED! MAYBE
WE SHOULD
TURN BACK
AND TAKE
THE LONG
WAY!

DON'T BE SILLY, SWEET!
WE'RE NOT LETTING
ANY HE-WITCH SCARE
US INTO EXTRA MILES
OF DRIVING! RELAX
AND WATCH FOR
SIGNS!

JIM, I DON'T
LIKE IT! TH-THERE'S
NO MIDWAY CITY
ON THE MAP!

RELAX, DEAR! THE WEST
IS FULL OF NEW TOWNS
THAT HAVE SPRUNG UP
AROUND DAMS OR DEVELOP-
MENTS OR ATOMIC PROJECTS!
DON'T BE SO JITTERY!

A FEW BLOCKS INTO THE STRANGELY
SILENT CITY ...

HOLD IT!
YOU'RE
JOHN
DRAKE,
AREN'T
YOU?

WHY .. NO, I'M NOT!
I'M JIM DRAKE,
OFFICER ... AND
THIS IS MY WIFE,
BETTY!

DON'T LIE TO ME,
DOOMED ONE! YOU'RE
JOHN DRAKE AND YOU
WERE DUE HERE HALF
AN HOUR AGO!
WHAT DELAYED
YOU?

EEAHH! EEEEK!



WEB OF EVIL

WHAT KIND OF MAD GAME IS THIS?
GET YOUR FILTHY
HANDS OFF
ME!

EEEAH!

HIS HEAD...
HIS HEAD..!

DON'T GET HYSTERICS
NOW! RUN... RUN
FOR YOUR
LIFE!

HALP! HALP! TWO
ESCAPEES! HEAD
THEM OFF! CORNER
THEM QUICKLY!



OH, THERE YOU ARE!
HOW DARE YOU BRING
A GUEST HERE ..?
AND HOW DARE YOU
TRY TO ESCAPE THE
MASTER?

THAT ALLEY! RUN
DOWN THE ALLEY,
BETTY!



SOMETHING'S WRONG!
WE NEVER MISSED
BEFORE!

EEEK! IT'S A
DEAD-END ALLEY!
WE'RE T-TRAPPED!



SUDDENLY...

AWRK
WHA...?

IN HERE,
QUICKLY!
IT'S YOUR
ONLY
HOPE!

WHY, YOU.. YOU'RE
FLESH-AND-BLOOD
HUMAN! FOR THE
LOVE OF MERCY,
TELL US WHAT THIS
MAD MASQUERADE
OUT THERE IS
ALL ABOUT!

SHHH!
QUIET,
UNTIL
THEY'VE
GIVEN
UP AND
GONE!

THEY'VE GONE!
WE DON'T KNOW!
THEY GET SIMPLY
FURIOUS WHEN IT'S
MY TURN TO
COLLECT! NOW..

WE WERE
DRIVING A
SHORTCUT TO
THE CITY WHEN
WE REACHED
THIS TOWN AND
WERE HALTED AND
CHASED BY THEM!



WEB OF EVIL

HMM! YOU'RE JOHN DRAKE, DUE 11:27 P.M., UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS, GRAFT, HIT-AND-RUN MANSLAUGHTER .. BUT NOT A WORD ABOUT THE GIRL!

BUT I'M NOT AND I CAN PROVE IT! I'M JIM DRAKE AND THIS IS MY BRIDE, BETTY! HERE, LOOK AT MY DRIVER'S LICENSE..

OH, MY MASTER'S HORNS AND HOOFS.. WHAT A MESS! YOU ARE JIM DRAKE!.. AND JOHN DRAKE HAS GIVEN US THE SLIP, SOMEHOW!

THEN LET US GO! ALL WE WANT TO DO IS GET IN OUR CAR AND GET OUT OF THIS TERRIBLE SPOT!

THIS IS CURSED AWKWARD! YOU'RE ALIVE, YOU SEE... AND THAT DOES COMPLICATE MATTERS! THIS IS THE BASIC TRAINING SPOT FOR THE DARK REALM BELOW! BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN DRAFTED...

OH, PLEASE, PLEASE...! JUST LET US GO! OPEN THE DOOR..!

VERY WELL ...IF YOU INSIST!

THERE THEY ARE! THE MASTER'S EMISSARY HAS GIVEN THEM BACK TO US!

YOU DIRTY RAT..!

TAKE THAT, YOU FILTHY DOUBLE-CROSSER!

GRAB THEM! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE AGAIN!

THEY DARED TO COME HERE ALIVE! TEAR AWAY THEIR LIVES AND MAKE THEM READY FOR TOMORROW!

GET BEHIND ME, DEAREST! THEY WON'T GET THOSE FOUL CLAWS ON YOU UNTIL I'M GONE!

CLOSE IN! PULL YOURSELVES TOGETHER AND GRAB THEM!

TRY IT, YOU BONY NIGHTMARES! COME AND GET US!

WEB OF EVIL



WEB OF EVIL

LET THEM GO!
WE'LL PICK THEM
UP LATER, WHEN
THE TIME IS
RIPE!

FASTER, JIM ..
FASTER! .
WE'RE
ESCAPING!

WE MADE IT! THERE'S THE STATE
TROOPER AND
HERE'S
THE MAIN
HIGHWAY
OUTSIDE
THE FRIGHTFUL
VALLEY!



WELL YOU CAN'T
SAY I DIDN'T WARN
YOU FOLKS! I
BET YOU HAD A
RIGHT HARROWIN'
EXPERIENCE, THE
WAY YOU LOOK!

STOP IT,
PETE! DON'T
SCARE THESE
FOLKS ANY
WORSE THAN
THEY'VE
ALREADY
BEEN
SCARED!

PERDITION VALLEY GIVES
OFF SOME KIND OF NATURAL
GAS AT NIGHT, WHEN THE
ROCKS COOL AND OPEN
UP, FOLKS! THE GAS
GIVES ALL KINDS OF
WEIRD VISIONS! FOLKS
HEREABOUTS STAY
AWAY AFTER DARK!

JUST FOLLOW THE
MAIN HIGHWAY TO
TOWN, FRIENDS,
AND FORGET ANY
HALLUCINATIONS
YOU HAD IN
THERE!

BOY WILL WE OBEY
THAT ORDER OFFICER!
THANKS A MILLION! WE
WERE REALLY
SCARED!



J-JIM! L-LOOK!
THAT SHORTCUT
WAS ON THIS
MAP.. AND NOW
IT'S DISAPPEARED!
PERDITION
VALLEY ISN'T
EVEN MARKED
HERE!

AWRRK!
ARE YOU
SURE?
THAT'S THE
MAP I GOT
FROM THAT
WRECK!

OFFICER,
WHAT ABOUT
THAT MAN
WHO WAS
HURT IN
THE
WRECK?

HE DIED
ABOUT TEN
MINUTES AGO,
FOLKS! THE
DOCTOR SAID
BY ALL THE RULES,
HE SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN ALIVE
FOR THE LAST
HOUR!

BUT DON'T WORRY HE
WAS A BAD CHARACTER
NOBODY'LL MISS! MAYBE
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT
JOHN DRAKE THE
RACKETEER!



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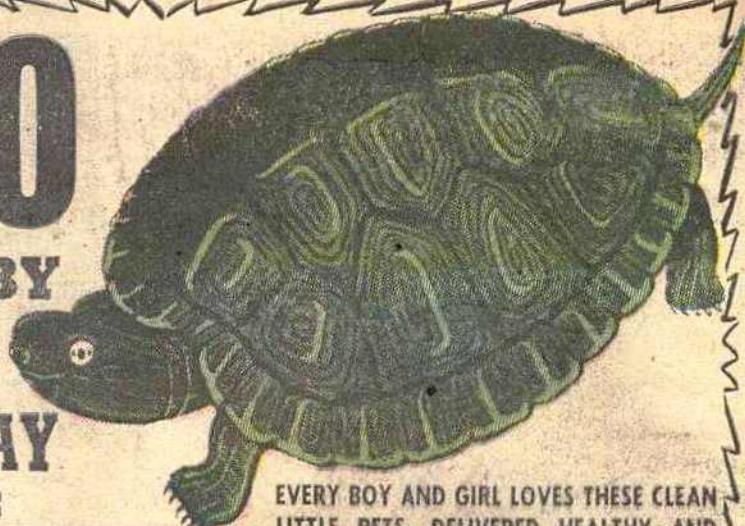
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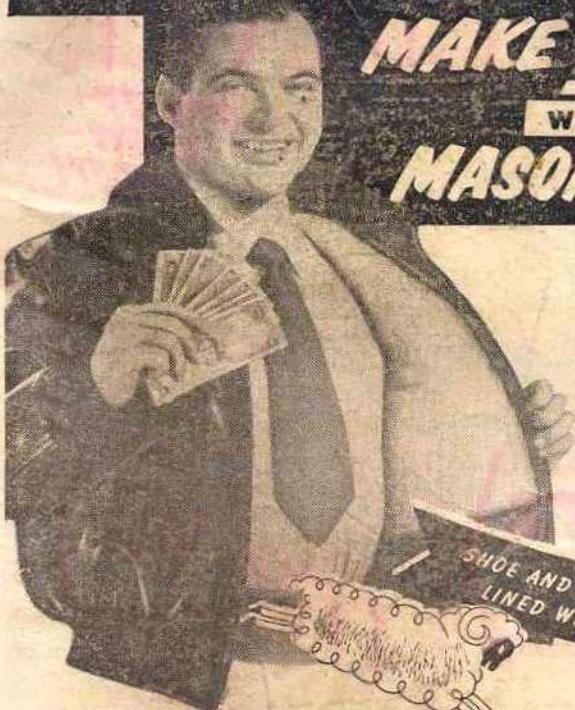
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